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1. The Dutch intelligence service in Pasundan is attempting to widen differences between various Indonesian groups through propaganda. Provincialism is advocated and promoted. Statements are made saying that the Tentera Nasional Indonesia (TNI) intends to terrorize the people, robbing them and committing other atrocities.

2. Information from people arrested by the TNI with the aid of the populace reveals that the Dutch are supporting bands of robbers. One TNI company cleared the area of Krawang and the area east of Bogor of several gangs of robbers led by Pa' Pedet and Hadji Ulit. At this time much evidence fell into the hands of the TNI which indicated that these bands were working for the Dutch. Many members of these gangs escaped to Dutch-controlled territory. They have been armed and sent back into villages to continue robbing and destroying property. They are wearing TNI uniforms.

3. Dutch propaganda has not been able to influence the population which has confidence in the TNI. The will of the people to gain their independence is not lessened by Dutch propaganda even when force is used to carry out the separation-policy which the Dutch have adopted.

4. The story circulated about Major Achmad Wiranata Kusuma is an example of Dutch propaganda. Major Achmad, a well-known guerrilla leader and son of the Wali Negara of Pasundan, was said to have signed an agreement with the local Dutch Military Commander in Bandung and that a great number of guerrilla officers and soldiers had surrendered. Instead there was no intention of surrendering, but Major Achmad was asked by his father to visit the family and for this trip he received a "safe guard"

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5. Generally, the confidence of the people in the Republic and independence has increased because of the inhuman measures adopted by the Dutch. The entire population in certain areas considered strategic by the Dutch has been removed and replaced by pro-Dutch people.

6. The Dutch carry out their propaganda by increasing the materialistic sense of the people. All necessities are supplied by the Dutch military authorities. These people are propagandized by the Dutch especially in areas around estates, for example, in Subang (Pamanukan and Tjiasem estates), Garut, Soreang and Cianjur. Many estate workers, however, are grateful to the TNI for protecting them from paying extremely high taxes and excise, which they formerly had to pay.

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Comment. [redacted] report negotiations between Achmad Wiranata Kusuma and Dutch Army officials together with the Pasundan Government.

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